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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:**Claims 1-21 (Canceled)**

22. (Previously presented) An absorbent article that includes longitudinally extending side extremities, an absorbent body disposed between a liquid-impermeable bottom sheet, which is intended to lie distal from a wearer in use, and a liquid-permeable upper sheet, which is intended to lie proximal to a wearer, and at least one longitudinally extending elastic liquid barrier on each side of a center line of the upper sheet, the barrier being made of an essentially liquid-impervious material and fastened to the upper or bottom sheet along or adjacent to a respective longitudinally extending side extremity of the article and having a free sealing edge facing towards a wearer,

wherein only said sealing edge is treated with a non-adhesive sealing medium which, in use, at least partly fills out any through-penetrating pores which are formed between said sealing edge and an abutment part of a wearer's skin, and/or which, when the article is donned, smears said abutment skin part and thereby increases a liquid-skin wetting angle.

23. (Previously presented) The absorbent article according to claim 22, wherein said sealing edge is coated with said sealing medium in an amount sufficient to both partly fill out any through-penetrating pores and to smear said abutment skin part.

24. (Previously presented) An absorbent article that includes longitudinally extending side extremities, an absorbent body disposed between a liquid-impermeable bottom sheet, which is intended to lie distal from a wearer in use, and a